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Title: "A Thermal Plastic Expanded Foam Meat Tray and Method and Apparatus for  
Precisely Trimming the Meat Tray From an Expanded Foam Web"

**RESPONSE TO 01/07/2004 OFFICE ACTION**

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**AMENDMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, as set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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